

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for mounting computer equipment in a vehicle, comprising:

a first elongate member extending upward in a vertical direction;

a second elongate member fixed to a top portion of said first elongate member and extending in a horizontal direction substantially perpendicular to the vertical direction in which said first elongate member extends; and

holding frame means fixed to a top portion of said second elongate member for holding the computer equipment;

wherein said second elongate member is fixed to one side of said top portion of said first elongate member so that said holding frame means faces a user on one side of the apparatus; and

wherein said second elongate member is alternatively fixed to another side of said top portion of said first elongate member so that said holding frame means faces another user on another side of the apparatus.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second elongate member includes rotating means for rotating said holding frame means from a home position to a plurality of positions angularly displaced from the home position.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said rotating means comprises an indexing cylinder assembly which includes an indexing cylinder and a shaft assembly disposed within said indexing cylinder.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said shaft assembly includes an upper plate to which said holding frame means is fixed, said upper plate being vertically and rotatably movable in conjunction with vertical movement and rotational movement, respectively, of said shaft assembly within said indexing cylinder.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) A method for mounting computer equipment in a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

fixing a first member to a floor of the vehicle so that said first member extends upward therefrom;

fixing a second member to a top portion of said first member; and

mounting a holding frame to a top portion of said second member for holding the computer equipment;

wherein said second member is fixed to one side of said top portion of said first member so that said holding frame and the computer equipment held by said holding frame face an occupant on one side of the vehicle; and

wherein said second member is alternatively fixed to another side of said top portion of said first member so that said holding frame and the computer equipment held by said holding frame face another occupant on another side of the vehicle.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of providing said second member with a rotational capability so that said holding frame and the computer equipment held by said holding frame can be rotated from a home position to a plurality of positions angularly displaced from the home position.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of providing said second member with an indexing cylinder assembly which includes an indexing cylinder and a shaft assembly disposed within said indexing cylinder.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of providing said shaft assembly with an upper plate to which said holding frame is fixed, said upper plate being vertically and rotatably movable in conjunction with vertical movement and rotational movement, respectively, of said shaft assembly within said indexing cylinder.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for mounting computer equipment in a vehicle, comprising:

a first member extending in an upward direction;

a second member fixed to a top portion of said first member; and

holding frame means fixed to a top portion of said second member for holding the computer equipment;

wherein said second member includes rotating means for rotating said holding frame means from a home position to a plurality of positions angularly displaced from the home position;

wherein said rotating means comprises an indexing cylinder assembly which includes an indexing cylinder and a shaft assembly disposed within said indexing cylinder.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said shaft assembly includes an upper plate to which said holding frame means is fixed, said upper plate being vertically and rotatably movable in conjunction with vertical movement and rotational movement, respectively, of said shaft assembly within said indexing cylinder.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the computer equipment comprises at least one of a computer, a display unit and a keyboard.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said rotating means rotates said holding frame means in increments from the home position.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising stop means for limiting the rotational movement of said holding frame means.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising stop means for limiting the rotational movement of said holding frame means.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for mounting computer equipment in a vehicle, comprising:

a first member extending upward in a vertical direction;

a second member fixed to a top portion of said first member;

holding frame means fixed to a top portion of said second member for holding the computer equipment; and

bearing rod means fixed to said holding frame means for bearing against a portion of the vehicle so as to provide stabilizing support for said holding frame means;

wherein said bearing rod means comprises a rod which extends from a lower portion of said holding frame means upward to another portion of said holding frame means, and a bearing cylinder disposed at an upper end of said rod adjacent to said holding frame means for bearing against the portion of the vehicle.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said another portion of said holding frame means comprises a top portion of said holding frame means.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein another portion of said holding frame means comprises a middle portion of said holding frame means.